

Hospital Asks Dr. Lorenz to Continue Work

Note From Board of Trustees of Joint Diseases Institution Expresses Full Confidence in Doctor

Money Charges Refuted

"Too Old To Be Hurt by Criticism," Says Specialist, as He Treats Poor

The board of trustees of the Hospital for Joint Diseases, at 124th Street and Madison Avenue, meeting yesterday to consider the criticisms leveled at the conduct of the Lorenz clinics, gave the eminent Viennese surgeon a full vote of confidence, in a formal statement, and said that they would feel honored if he would continue his ministrations at their hospital. In some minor details, and to prevent misunderstanding, the clinics will be managed somewhat differently henceforth.

"After a careful inquiry and investigation," says the statement, "the board has concluded that nothing has taken place to cause it to discontinue the clinics, and the public interest demands that they be maintained in so far as Dr. Lorenz's health and other engagements permit. Neither the hospital nor any of its attending physicians or staff, medical or household, has received directly or indirectly any fees or moneys for any service rendered by Dr. Lorenz either at our hospital, or elsewhere.

Contributions by Patient

"In some instances, patients who applied for treatment at the hospital have made voluntary contributions to Dr. Lorenz's foreign charities, and in a few instances these contributions have been received by employees of the hospital, who have immediately turned them over to Dr. Lorenz's representatives for crippled Austrian children.

"In order to remove the impression of improper preference created by the articles and possibly by the course of conduct heretofore pursued by grateful patients, the board has passed a stringent rule that no money shall be given or contributed at the hospital for any service rendered there, and that any patient grateful for help rendered can make any contribution he may desire to Dr. Lorenz at his residence, and notice to that effect will be posted at the clinics.

"Patients will upon application at the door receive numbered tickets, and those not taken care of at any clinic will be taken up in numerical order on following clinic days.

"Out-of-town patients, in order to save annoyance, will have to arrange for an appointment by mail, as the hospital's first duty is to inhabitants of New York.

"So far as the claim that Dr. Lorenz has received fees from private patients not treated at the hospital is concerned, the board of trustees feel that it has no duty in that connection; it is assumed that no such patients have been refused treatment at the hospital. In justice to Dr. Lorenz it should be stated that if he has received fees from private patients able to pay, away from the clinic, he has followed a custom universal among eminent physicians, and as a matter of fact he has given free treatment at the clinic to patients well able to pay.

Need of Orthopedic Surgery

"It seems manifest to the board that the public attention directed to the possibilities of orthopedic surgery through the Lorenz clinics at the Hospital for Joint Diseases and elsewhere has been a tremendous public service, and it would be an injustice to the public and to the purpose for which

the hospital was founded and is now being supported by the charitably minded people of New York to interfere with this work."

Charles Kaye, president of the Fifth Avenue Bank, acted as chairman of this committee, which included Max Englander, Moise L. Erstein, Samuel L. Fisher, Paul M. Herzog, Benno Levinson, Samuel H. Levy, Franklin Simon, Louis J. Vorhaus and Isaac Weill.

In spite of the storm of criticism which broke in upon his first day of work in two weeks, Dr. Lorenz was at his clinic yesterday morning, as usual, and attended 125 free patients. As usual, the crowd of crippled people waiting outside the shut doors could not be dissuaded from waiting. At 11 o'clock Dr. Lorenz, looking very weary, turned to go, but observing that more patients waited, he returned and examined fifteen more patients.

All the statements he would make on leaving was, "I am an old man and beyond being hurt by criticism."

Denial Made by Patient

The patient, Morton Gerber, of 2365 Davidson Avenue, the Bronx, whose alleged grievance was made the basis for the criticism of Dr. Lorenz's business methods by other men of his profession, denied that he had given Dr. Plötz, of 1722 Madison Avenue, authority to use his name in that connection. He said that he had paid the fee of \$100 willingly, satisfied that an expert opinion was worth that much.

"If Dr. Lorenz were bent on making money," said Dr. Galland, his secretary, "his facilities for making money are endless. There are people waiting their turn to see him who would give him fees of thousands, not hundreds, for consultation. Here is a telegram from a woman," Dr. Galland said, showing a telegram, "offering him \$2,000 if he will operate on her. To-day a man telephoned from sixty miles away, begging for a consultation at any price. He might make hundreds of thousands of dollars if he did not elect to give his best energies to these free clinics. No physician, not the most active, holds more than three free clinics a week. Dr. Lorenz holds six morning clinics at this hospital alone, besides afternoon clinics at other hospitals, and sees as many patients in one morning as another physician sees in an entire week. What energy has he left for private practice, even supposing he sought it?"

Dr. Galland, an importer, of 118 East Sixteenth Street, explained his connection with Dr. Lorenz's fund for the relief of Viennese children by saying that he had been one of the several Austrian-Americans who were responsible for Dr. Lorenz's presence here. He said they had thought of Dr. Lorenz's coming here frankly as a national mission, an effort to aid to a better understanding between the two nations.

Following the statement of the board of trustees, Dr. Lorenz announced himself well pleased with the attitude of the committee. He has rearranged his schedule of clinics in response to requests of other hospitals for his services and to demands of his physicians that he will be at the Hospital for Joint Diseases on Monday mornings, on Wednesdays at the Board of Health Clinic at 566 Pearl St. and on Fridays at St. Mark's Hospital.

To-day Dr. Lorenz will operate at St. Mark's Hospital on Mary DeRoy, daughter of Dr. DeRoy, of Pittsburgh. The operation, known as intracapsular resection, will consist of overstretching the knee joint.

Shortage in Police Pay Roll

Comptroller Charles L. Craig yesterday notified Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright that the police pay roll for December was \$100,000 short. This came about, the Comptroller said, through the appointment of additional patrolmen early in the year without the appropriation of sufficient funds to pay them. He said, however, that no special revenue bonds would have to be issued, as the shortage could be made up from unused funds in other accounts.

He explained that he notified the Police Commissioner so that he could take immediate steps to apply to the Board of Estimate for the transfer of funds. In the absence of the Police Commissioner, the Acting Commissioner probably will make the application.

67th Congress Opens With Big Tasks Ahead

All Legislative Action Is Deferred Until President Harding Delivers Message to Joint Session To-day

House in Happy Mood

Foreign Debt Measure to Receive Immediate Attention in the Upper House

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The first regular session of the 67th Congress opened at noon to-day.

The opening was to a large extent perfunctory for the reason that it is less than two weeks since the extra session ended. Little of the procedure incident to the organization of the houses and the preliminaries of a newly elected Congress was necessary. Furthermore, legislative action was deferred until the delivery of the annual message of the President, which is scheduled for to-morrow at 12:30 p.m.

Prominent Republican advisers of President Harding have urged him to return to the custom of the pre-Wilson days, when the annual message was sent to Congress by messenger and read by the clerks to the two houses. The President has not seen fit to do this and will address Senators and House members in joint assembly in the hall of the House.

Vice-President Coolidge called the Senate to order promptly at noon and Speaker Gillett at the same time rapped the gavel and called the House to order.

In the galleries was a numerous attendance of visitors. The House membership was to a large extent present, but the Senate showed a long list of absentees. Out of ninety-six Senators there were thirty-six absentees.

The Senate passed the usual resolutions, named a committee consisting of Senators Lodge and Hitchcock to wait on the President and give him formal notice of the convening of Congress, then recessed until 3 o'clock, when it reconvened, heard the message on the budget, held a brief executive session and adjourned until to-morrow.

House members, many of whom have been home in the brief recess, were in jovial mood when the session had opened. The first important business in the House was the reading of the budget message and the report of the Director of the Bureau of Budget. The House appointed Representatives Madden and Garrett as a committee to join with the Senate committee and inform the President Congress was assembled.

The foreign debt bill is the immediate question which confronts the Senate. It will be taken up in that body Wednesday. Senator Penrose, soon after the Senate convened to-day, gave notice that he expected to call the bill up Wednesday. He also announced that the Finance Committee would meet to-morrow, when it will amend the foreign debt bill to correspond to the House measure. He will seek to have the bill made an unfinished business and held before the Senate continuously for action.

Shanley's Manager and Aids Taken in Rum Raid

Warrants, Said to Bear Before Election Dates, Served in 42d Street Cafe

Three warrants charging violation of the Volstead law were served in Shanley's restaurant, 117 West Forty-second Street, last night, by Federal Agent Wagner, who gave his address as Washington, D. C.

A quantity of alleged whisky, said to have been found in the kitchen, was confiscated. Those arrested were James S. Rowley, 701 West 178th Street, manager; James McMurray, 452 West Fifty-seventh Street, steward, and Henry McLaughlin, 630 Ninth Avenue, head waiter.

They were taken to West Forty-seventh Street station by Wagner. Police Lieutenant Callahan refused to accept bail because the arrests were made by a government agent.

This raid was declared to be the forerunner of a number of warrants which are said to have been issued by the Federal District Court before election.

E. C. Yellowley, while acting enforcement director here, is understood to have given the warrants to various agents to serve, and their failure to make service of them resulted in at least seven agents being dismissed.

Shanley's was well filled last night when the raid entered. He went about his work quietly, and diners were not disturbed.

The prisoners were arraigned later before United States Commissioner Hitchcock and released in \$1,000 bail each.

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coaches with water in an effort to quench the flames and save the injured who were pinned in them, helpless as the flames ate their way toward them.

Ambulances and nurses were rushed to the scene and, with the aid of the uninjured passengers, strove for hours to relieve the sufferers in the disaster. At the railroad offices here little could be learned to-night as to the cause of the wreck, except that the northbound train apparently had over-run its orders. State authorities were to conduct an investigation, as well as the railroad, it was announced.

Guardians of Girl Swear J. K. Stewart Was Born O'Brien

Papers Are Filed in Answer to Heiress' Suit to Prevent Obtaining of Letters of Administration

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 5.—John K. Stewart, who left an estate of \$5,000,000 when he died in 1915, was born O'Brien in a small New England town and changed his name because of the prejudice against Catholics in that district, according to an additional answer filed in Surrogate's Court here to-day by Martin Taylor, of New York, and Leander H. La Chance, head of the Stewart companies in Illinois, in an action brought by Stewart's daughter, Mrs. Robert B. Honeyman Jr., to prevent Taylor and La Chance from obtaining letters of administration.

A few weeks ago when newspapers published a story that the millionaire had adopted the name under which he was known and had begun life as a poor boy named O'Brien details were made by his friends and relatives. "To the best of deponent's knowledge and belief," it is set forth in the papers filed to-day, "the persons next after them (the deponents) who are next entitled to letters of administration of the said infant (John Stewart) are John H. O'Brien, David W. O'Brien and Catherine O'Brien, who reside at Harbor Avenue, Nashua, N. H., surviving brothers and sisters, respectively, of John K. Stewart, deceased."

Mrs. Honeyman, who is nineteen years old and sole heiress to the Stewart fortune, is the ward of Mr. Taylor and Mr. La Chance under the will of her father. She asserts that La Chance obtained control of her father's companies, the Stewart Manufacturing Company and the Stewart Warner Speedometer Corporation, by purchasing their stock below market value with the consent of Taylor.

She seeks the discharge of Taylor and La Chance as her guardians on the ground that she is a resident of Illinois and under the law of that state is of legal age, although under the law of this state still a minor. In answer to this it is asserted by Taylor and La Chance that her residence has been fixed by the court as in

Centrepont, L. I., and, being a minor, she cannot change her legal residence. They allege that her action in having letters of administration for her father's estate, issued in Illinois, on the ground that her sister was a resident of that state, may cost the estate \$271,000 in inheritance taxes.

John D. Black, of Chicago, who was Mr. Stewart's personal counsel for many years, announced in the courtroom that he would assume personal responsibility for all the acts of Taylor and La Chance that were complained of, as the acts had been performed after consulting with him.

He testified that 11,222 shares of the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation were sold by the administrators of the estate of Mrs. Julia B. Stewart for \$72 a share.

Robert B. Honeyman, of 35 Montgomery Place, Brooklyn, Mrs. Honeyman's father-in-law, is her attorney in the action. Arguments on both sides are to be completed December 28.

Runner Is Held As \$75,000 in Bonds Vanish

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Fiftieth Street, was arrested last night by detectives of the West Sixty-eighth Street station at his home, 9 West Sixty-eighth Street. According to the police Goldberg is accused of being responsible for the loss of \$25,000 worth of jewelry from the home of Mrs. Kitty Higgins, of 116 Riverside Drive on the night of November 30.

On that night Mrs. Higgins said that Goldberg came to her home to collect a bill for \$27. She said that she was detained when she went to write him a

check and that later, when Goldberg was gone, the jewelry was missing.

When taken into custody, detectives say that Goldberg showed them pawn tickets for \$1,000 worth of jewelry. He said that the night he went to Mrs. Higgins's home there was a party going on and that he was invited to stay. He said that the affair got a little wild and that when he woke up next morning the jewelry, which he later pawned, was in his pocket. A thirty-eight-stone flexible bracelet, valued at \$1,500, said to have been stolen, is not with the pawned jewelry. Goldberg denied having seen it. He was locked up in the West Sixty-eighth Street station.

German Toolers Dissatisfied

Workers in Steel Plants Ask More Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Labor unrest again is appearing in Germany, according to advices made public to-night by the Commerce Department.

This condition had become apparent, it is said, concurrently with the sharp decline of the mark and the advancing costs of necessary food and clothing. Workers in the Düsseldorf steel industries are striking for a 15 per cent increase of pay, while the 50,000 men employed in the Krupp works at Essen have presented a demand for a "living cost bonus."

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